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REMARKS

Claims 17 and 24 have been canceled. Claims 1-16, 18-23, and 25 remain pending in the application. Claims 6, 11, 18, and 25 have been withdrawn from consideration. Applicant amends claims 1-2, 5, 7-8, 10, 12-13, 16, 19-20, and 23 for minor corrections. No new matter has been added.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of claims 3, 4, and 9, and the finding that claims 1-2, 5, 7-8, 10, 12-16, and 19-23 contain allowable subject matter. Applicant respectfully submits that the provided reasons for allowability include only the Examiner's interpretation, which should in no way limit the scope of the allowable claims.

The Examiner objected to claims 1-2, 5, 7-8, 10, 12-16, and 19-23 for apparent informalities. Applicant amends claims 1-2, 5, 7-8, 10, 12-13, 16, 19-20, and 23 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions, and requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

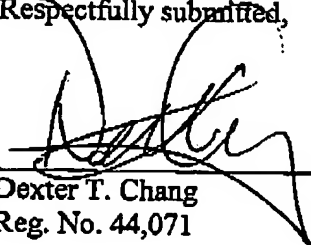
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